

WRITING ASSESSMENT
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When most people were younger, they probably believed in magic. They thought their wishes could come true with magic. Then we get older and magic is nothing. But at some time or another, somebody who is a responsible adult will have some kind of wish. My wish is to meet my favorite actor, John Wayne. I know he is dead, but you can imagine whatever you want. I would love to meet him because he has been a big part of my childhood, a favorite also of my family members, and he has been a hero to me countless times.

I know it is silly to want to meet somebody who has been dead for almost 30 years, but like I said, you can imagine whatever you want to. When I was just a little kid, my father and grandfather introduced me to the life and career of John Wayne. My childhood has been filled with him ever since. When I get older, I will show my kids who John Wayne is. I will follow the footsteps of my father and grandfather.

I do not exactly remember the day or the year I was introduced to Wayne, but I know I was very young. My family played a big part in fueling my likeness for Wayne. I used to look forward to Friday nights with my grandparents because we would usually pop in one of his movies. It was a trip to a simple place in a simple time.

Many people have said that John Wayne was a great hero. I believe that saying is 100% true. He has been my hero for a long time. Only 2 things rank higher than him in my mind: God and family. This wish has stood with me for a long time and it will stay forever because he is a true hero.

Kind of silly, wasn't it? This essay reflects not only my beliefs, but those of my parents and grandparents. We all enjoy John Wayne and his tales of action and adventure. His movies are better than the films they make today. He will always be my favorite actor and hero. Nothing will change that. Other actors will come and go and will be nothing like Wayne. My wish will never flourish perhaps, but it

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will always be there. Nothing can stop it, not even age nor sickness. John Wayne
will always be a big part of my one special wish.

Score Point: 5

This response reflects a strong degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer effectively introduces the response by comparing magic with wishing to meet John Wayne. Key reasons are cited to support this choice (he's been a big part of my childhood, a family favorite, and a hero to me). The response is generally well organized and contains sophisticated transitions. Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are demonstrated (I will follow the footsteps of my father, it was a trip to a simple place in a simple time, and my wish will never flourish perhaps). Further development would be required for a higher score.